

The VVFC News Alert BACKPAGE

December 2003

VVFC Requirement Vaccine INventory

At the close of business on Wednesday, December 31, 2003, conduct an inventory of all vaccines supplied to your facility through VVFC. Do not include any privately purchased vaccine in your inventory report. It is very important that the inventory be completed on the designated date; therefore, please ensure that someone is available to do this. Enclosed in this mailing is a VVFC Vaccine Inventory Report. **Completed forms should be faxed to the VVFC office no later than Monday, January 5, 2004.** VVFC reserves the right to place a hold on your vaccine orders if your report is not received by the deadline.



New Influenza policy

Emphasis should be placed on targeting persons at high risk of complications from influenza: healthy children aged 6-23 months, people in their second or third trimester of pregnancy, and people aged 2 years or older with underlying chronic conditions. **Anyone, VFC eligible or not, in these categories, may receive VFC Influenza vaccine. Any dose given under these conditions must be documented using the VVFC Replacement Form. These forms must be submitted to the VVFC office by April 1, 2004.**

The VVFC Influenza stock has been depleted; however, we are expecting a small amount the week of December 15th.



Incoming orders will be filled based on patient enrollment until the stock is depleted. *Please indicate your holiday hours in order to deliver your vaccine in a timely matter.* If your facility has excess VFC Influenza vaccine, please fax us a VVFC Return Form with a temperature log.

VVFC Staff Changes

Courtney Perry

Central Virginia Regional Consultant

Stacy Boyer, MS

Southwest Virginia Regional Consultant



Low supply, high demand Influenza vaccine

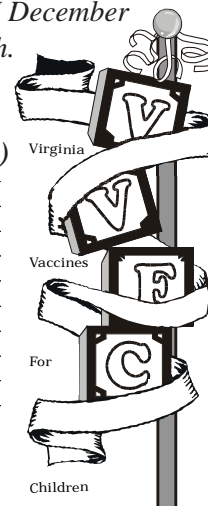
With Influenza vaccine being in short supply, the question arises, "How should we allocate the remaining doses?" CDC has offered the following guidance:

- Emphasis should be placed on targeting persons at high risk of complications from influenza: healthy children aged 6-23 months, pregnant women in their second or third trimester, and people aged 2 years or older with underlying chronic conditions.
- All children at high risk, including those aged 6-23 months, who report for vaccination should be vaccinated with a first or second dose, depending on vaccination status. Doses should not be held in reserve to ensure that two doses will be available.
- Next priority should be given to those VFC eligible children at greatest risk for transmission of disease to people at high risk, including household contacts.
- Healthy children 5 years and older can receive Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV), or if their first dose was with inactivated vaccine, the second doses can be with LAIV.



Holiday Shipping schedule

Because of the holidays, **we will not be shipping vaccine on December 22nd and December 29th.** Orders received by 4 PM December 11th will be shipped December 15th as scheduled. *Any order received between 4 PM December 11th and 4 PM December 31st will not be shipped until January 5th.* Orders received after 4 PM, December 31st, will be shipped on January 12th. **(Does not apply to Influenza shipments)**



The Big Move: VVFC Contact information

Virginia Department of Health

Division of Immunization, VVFC

P.O. Box 2448

109 Governor Street, Room 314 West

Richmond, VA 23218

Immunization/VVFC Office: (800) 568-1929

Local Office: (804) 864-8055

VVFC Fax: (804) 864-8090

VVFC Order Center: (877) 781-VVFC (8832)

Email: VVFC@vdh.state.va.us